

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2004. The Office Action only rejects Claim 132 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The remaining claims have been noted to be allowable.

As previously set forth in detail, Applicants believe the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is improper. However, Applicants have cancelled Claim 132 to allow the remaining claims to issue. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment After Final be entered and the above-identified patent application be passed to allowance with Claims 133 and 141-144.

Applicants note for the record as well as for purposes of public notice that Applicants do not disclaim the subject matter of Claim 132 nor any of the other claims that have been cancelled or not pursued in this application. Indeed, Applicants will file, prior to issuance of the above-identified patent application, a continuation and/or divisional application with respect to the subject matter that has either been restricted out or cancelled from this application. In this regard, Applicants will continue to pursue the subject matter of at least the originally-presented Claims 1-231 except to the extent that such claims have issued in this or any related patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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